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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 351

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Roe harvester and dealer licenses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Young R

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates a license for nonresident roe harvesters and dealers. The bill allows the Natural Resources Commission to establish the minimum application fees for nonresident roe harvester and dealer licenses.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: SEA 532-2011 established a license for roe harvesters who are residents of Indiana. This bill specifies that the Natural Resources Commission shall issue licenses for these activities to individuals who are residents and nonresidents. The amount of revenue raised by this provision would depend on the total number of licenses to be issued, the number that are ultimately issued to nonresidents, and the amount the Commission decides to charge for nonresident license fees. The current statute requires that the number of licenses issued be limited by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Current law establishes the minimum application fee for a roe harvester license at \$1,000. The Commission may set the application fee higher for nonresidents (or residents) as long as the amount of revenue generated is not more than is reasonably necessary to offset the costs incurred by the Department of Natural Resources in overseeing the program. Fee revenue would be deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Background: The DNR has issued seven \$1,000 roe harvester licenses and four \$5,000 roe dealer licenses. The maximum number of roe harvester licenses is 15 for the Ohio River and 15 for boundary waters and

water of the state, excluding Lake Michigan and the Ohio River.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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